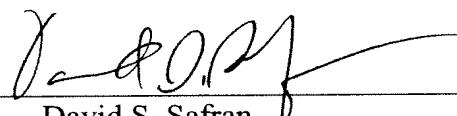


REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that claims 31-33, 43 & 44 have been amended to correct an obvious typographic error. That is, as set forth in paragraph [0035] of the substitute specification, the effective area of the transducer element is identified by the reference character sd while the area of the surrounding surface of the housing is identified by the reference character sh, but in the claims the reference characters ad and ah are used instead. Given that the letters "a" and "s" are adjacent each other on the QWERTY keyboard, given the definition in the specification of the claimed terms as being sd and sh, not ad and ah (which are given length dimensions, not area ones, in the specification (see, paragraph [0036]), those of ordinary skill would understand the nature of the error and what is intended. However, to avoid any unnecessary confusion, it is request that the above amendments be entered to correct the reference characters in the claims. Since the requested changes are of a purely formal nature not affecting the scope of the claims and not requiring detailed consideration, it is submitted that entry of the requested amendments is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.312.

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